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WASHING KNITTED GARMENTS

Lukewarm wash water, lukewarm rinse waters, and a moderately warm place for drying are best for washing woolens. Before starting to launder a knit piece of any kind, measure it carefully and jot down the dimensions. Then when the piece has been washed, spread it out on several thicknesses of clean soft material laid flat. If there are sleeves, spread them flat; if there is a skirt, see that there are no bulges and that the bottom is at least as wide as the hips. Shape the piece, whatever it is, according to the original measurements, pulling it into place and pinning it if necessary. Knit articles should never be hung up to dry, for the weight of moisture in them will stretch them out of shape.

Use lukewarm waters of the same temperature for both washing and rinsing. For woolens, use much more water in proportion to their bulk than for other fabrics. Use neutral soaps only, preferably in the form of a solution or jelly. Soap should not be rubbed directly on the garment. Squeeze and work the garment in the suds without rubbing. Wash in a second suds, and rinse in two or more waters. Press out excess water each time, or wring through a loosely set wringer, being careful not to stretch the garment. Do not twist or wring it in the hands.

Dry in a warm place, but not near a fire or in direct sunlight. Turn the garment on the pad occasionally after it is almost dry. Ironing is unnecessary.

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